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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, October 9, 2011**. Last week’s fairly dry conditions aided the progress of harvesting activities, however the dry spell hardened the ground and made digging peanuts and sweet potatoes difficult for some producers. Fall plantings have also slowed some, and those farmers with seed in the ground are waiting for some precipitation for germination. Soil moisture was rated 2 percent very short, 36 percent short, 61 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending October 9, 2011				
Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, harvested	100	99	100	96
Cotton, open bolls	99	97	100	97
Cotton, harvested	56	27	84	50
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	99	97	99	98
Peanuts, dug	50	25	--	--
Peanuts, harvested	40	20	61	40
Rice, harvested	90	76	98	84
Sorghum, harvested	99	97	100	88
Soybeans, turning color	100	97	100	99
Soybeans, dropping leaves	97	89	98	93
Soybeans, harvested	77	48	88	75
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	72	65	83	62
Winter Wheat, planted	35	27	12	9
Winter Wheat, emerged	25	16	7	3

Crop condition for week ending October 9, 2011					
Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cotton	1	6	21	45	27
Livestock	0	11	38	39	12
Pasture	11	12	42	35	0
Peanuts	0	4	29	51	16

Comments

“Great weather allowed growers to have a good week of harvesting and fall tillage work. If this weather continues we should be about finished by the weekend.”

— Don Respons, Quitman

“It's very dry again. Wheat that has been planted is either going to need rain to germinate or it has come up and is suffering severely. Cotton and late soybeans are coming out of the field at a rapid rate.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“It was a good week for harvest. The cool temperature slowed down defoliation. Sweet potato harvest has slowed due to potatoes not being ready, but should be going again next week.”

— Brent Gray, Yalobusha

“Last week we saw excellent harvest conditions. Farmers are harvesting late soybeans, some of which were planted behind the flood waters. Cotton harvest is in full swing and with little chance for rain this week it looks like we are going to get most of it. Cotton yields are good with a few very impressive reports.”

— Preston Aust, Humphreys

“We are dry. Conditions are good for picking cotton, but somewhat harder for digging peanuts. Hay harvest is winding down and beef producers are working hard to get ryegrass planted. Mustards and turnips are being irrigated. Deer hunters are planting food plots at a feverish rate!”

— Lee Taylor, Forrest

“Cotton harvest has started but the going is slow. Bolls are opening slowly and leaves are falling as slow.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Beautiful, dry fall weather has allowed harvest activities to move rapidly forward. Excellent progress is also being made with all fall tillage work, including soil testing and lime application.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Harvest is winding down for everything except cotton which is about forty percent complete. Fall field work is progressing very well.”

— Lester Stephens, Washington

“The truckloads of hay keep coming from somewhere, but I don't know where. I was talking to a Texas cattle producer last week about helping him find some pasture land to lease for his herd. It was his opinion that with all the herd dispersals, moving cattle to other states, the recent showers and all of the out-of-state hay being brought in that Texas cattle producers might get by this winter without losing all the cattle.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Very dry conditions in the county. Cotton and soybean harvest is moving at a rapid pace with fall tillage work being done in preparation for winter wheat.”

— Reid Nevins, Clay

Mississippi Weather Summary for week ending October 9, 2011 is unavailable at this time